



Fact Sheet: Mountain Lion Incident

SUMMARY

On Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at 8:22 a.m., the El Paso Police Department received a call about a loose puma by the railroad tracks on Mills Street. Between 8:22 a.m. and 10:12 a.m., the El Paso Police Department's communications section received at least 19 calls for service regarding a "loose puma; a loose, huge mountain lion; a big cat; a mountain lion; a large sized animal – cougar, large bobcat, large wildcat, vicious lion".

Locations where mountain lion was seen:

Mills St., N. Kansas, N. Campbell, E. Franklin, E. Missouri, Campbell, Station, 2-Parking garages, N. Durango, Mesa Ramp, Montana Ave, Wyoming, St. Clement Church, E. Yandell, Texas St., St. Clements School.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the El Paso Police responded to a loose mountain lion in the downtown area. The mountain lion was located inside the H & H car wash located at 701 E. Yandell. The chain gates had been pulled and the mountain lion was in the car wash area. The animal had been shot with a tranquilizer dart by an official with the State Fish and Game Department approximately an hour earlier. A second tranquilizer dart was deployed while the animal was confined in the H & H Car Wash area. After being struck with the dart, the mountain lion jumped in the air approximately 8 feet to an opening between the ceiling and the top of the chain fence at H & H Car Wash. Officers from the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the El Paso Police Department discharged their weapons at the mountain lion when he exited the confined area of H & H Car Was and was headed into the general population area of the city, creating a public safety issue. The animal was shot and expired at the scene.

Time: 8:22 a.m. – 10:12 a.m. 1 hour and 50 minutes

Agencies: El Paso Police Department
Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission
Texas Park and Wildlife
Union Pacific Police
Texas State Fish and Game Department

Police Calls: 19